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MEETING LINCOLN

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Meeting Lincoln

Original letters describing encounters with the 16th President of the United States

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439 EAST FAYETTE STREET
SYRACUSE, N. Y.
TELEPHONE-

Dec. 15, 1931.

Mr. Howard K. Terry,
9528 Wisteria St.,
Bustleton,
Phila,, Pa.

Dear Mr. Terry:

I have your letter of the 11th instant at hand. I have never written anything on the life of Abraham Lincoln. A Mr. Martin from Minneapolis, Minn., sent me a copy of a book he wrote entitled, "A Defense Of Lincoln's Mother, Conversion and Creed." It is a small book. You are welcomed to read it. Furthermore, I am mailing it to you to read at your leisure and to return when you have finished reading it. I inclose a copy of a letter I wrote to Mr. Barnes the literary editor of The Economy Spectator.

I wish I knew some one who had met or heard Mr. Lincoln speak. I have read in the newspaper of such persons, but did not know them. I am sure you can get your desires information by consulting the files at any large reference library either in your city, New York, or the Congressional Library, Washington. I am sure the librarians would be glad to assist you in obtaining this information.

Some of the names of the persons you mention to whom you have written who saw Lincoln, residents of this city, I have heard of, but do not know. The Northrup and Hancock

and Hancock families are well known ~~families~~ here. You probably know that Lincoln's Secretary of State Mr. Seward lived in Auburn, N. Y., 26 miles from here.

I wish I could give you the information desired. I am still a young man--a veteran of the World's War with service in France.

With holiday greetings, I am,

Yours cordially,

Dr. Joel H. Jacobson

December 15, 1931.

Mr. John H. Barnes,
Literary Editor,
The Economy Spectator,
36 South Clark Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Barnes;

I see that my article in The Economy Spectator entitled "Was Lincoln an Atheist" has stirred up quite a discussion.

I thank you for forwarding to me the book Mr. Martin sent you for me, "A Defense of Lincoln's Mother, Conversion and Creed."

Here is a copy of the letter I wrote to him in acknowledgement of the receipt of this book:

"Dear Mr. Martin:

Pardon my delay in not answering sooner the book you sent me through The Economy Spectator, Chicago, of which you are the author, "A Defense of Lincoln's Mother, Conversion and Creed." I enjoyed reading it very much.

The article that I wrote to the Economy Spectator was for information and not for controversy. I have not yet obtained the information I desired.

I have read many books and articles on the life of Abraham Lincoln and have always regarded him as a Godly, religious, prayerful and inspired man, but the member of no Christian denomination. He surely was not an atheist or agnostic notwithstanding the articles written by Joseph Lewis and other Freethinkers, who try to make him out to be one.

I was prompted to write the article to The Economy Spectator after reading an article in a newspaper to the effect that President Hoover on the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday had attended the Presbyterian church in Washington at which President Lincoln worshipped.

I understand from reading your book that you claim he attended services at a Methodist Church. From my reading I do not believe he belonged to either the Presbyterian or Methodist Church. These are orthodox Protestant churches. According to his writing, his philosophy, and articles written by those who knew him intimately, he was very liberal and broad minded, and tolerant, "With charity to all and malice toward none;" one who would be more apt to be affiliated with one of the liberal Protestant churches. The fact that he often communed with God and prayed before undertaking any task or problem showed he was a Godly and religious man. He may have attended services at the Methodist Church at the urgent behest and request of his wife and to keep peace in the family; for I have read that his wife was an awful shrew, nag and scold."

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Signed. Dr. Joel H. Jacobson."

Very truly yours,

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"I Saw Lincoln"

Full Name David Fillmore Jenkins

Present Address Coatesville Indiana

Date of Birth Year 1854 Month Nove Day 5th

Place of Birth Crawford county, Indiana

Where you Saw Lincoln ~~Only his Dead body at~~ Springfield, Ill.

When You Saw Lincoln July 4th 1875

Remarks: - I only saw Lincoln's Dead body in his monument at Springfield, Ill, his body was so well Embalmed & had kept so nicely that it was like looking at him when he was living, yours sincerly,

D. F. Jenkins
Coatesville Ind.

PS, I certainly injoy reading Lincoln's speech that he made at Gettysburg I have always been a strong advocater of Lincoln what he was.

Jenkins, David Fillmore Coatesville, Ind.

Coatesville, Ind. Aug 27-32

The Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Ind. Dear Sirs,

I see in the Papers English news
where you want in touch with some
man that ever saw or heard Abraham
Lincoln.

well I never heard the great man
& never saw him alive.
But in July 1875 I had the honor
of Beholding his Body that was
then in his room at his monument
at Springfield Ill. at that time
after he had been dead for 10 years
he looked so natural, looked like
he wanted to speak to me.
I was 19 years old at that time. & it
was quite a sight to me. and I always
take the opportunity to tell of this
wonderfull man as I saw him 10 years
after his Death. If you think this is
worth while for the occasion of the unveiling
of his statue in Sept let me know
Yours Truly D. F. Jenkins
Coatesville, Ind

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MAIL DEPARTMENT
Referred to
REC'D AUG 29 1932
Answered
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LIFE INSURANCE CO.

Jolliffe, James

Feb 10th 1913

R R no 1

Knoxville Iowa

Mr Curtis T Gilson

Dear Sir

I see by the last Journal that you are are inquiring names of persons that voted for Lincoln my first vote was cast for him in liberty township in 1860 the next vote vote in Indiana township in 1864 all in Marion Co Iowa and I think thus I can give you three

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name living in Knoxville
that undoubtly voted for
Lincoln in 1860 & 1864
John H. Southerland
and James Muddy voted
in Indiana township
and Jacob Muddy voted
in Monroe Co
James Jolliffe

P.S.

I would like myself
to know many voters can be
found that voted for
Lincoln

J.J.

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Jones, Sarah D.P.
L.-D. Debates
Decatur

327 S. Main st —
Sycamore. Ills
Sept 5 - 1931

H. K. Terry, Dear Sir, —

Your letter received. My Longevity dates from both sides from the Perkins' at Ipswich Mass and Gov. Thomas Dudley Second Colonial Gov. of whom I am the 8th descendant. I never saw Abraham Lincoln but one day. I sat near him & heard every word that he spoke.

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2- And was secretly converted from a Democrat to an Abolitionist, (There were no Republ. as yet. I was introduced to him by the two daughters of the Landlord where he stopped & was the one nearest, (or next to) the platform outside where he spoke. I have no personal relics. I Abraham Lincoln have rails he split himself. They were given to me by the Son of the Universalist

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3 preacher at Decatur at that time - A student at Lombard

I was one of the Lombard girls who helped decorate the Platform & stayed up all night working on the decorations. I am blind because so a week before I received Pres. Britts' invitation to the Lincoln Celebration

He was very pleasant when he was introduced to me - Yours very truly

Sarah Dudley Perkins Jones,

written at dictation by

Mary Jones Baker, her

eldest daughter

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